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1. Location. The airfield is situated in the town of Armilla, 7 kilometers from Granada on the highway from Granada to Motril.

2. Present Condition. The airfield does not have cement runways, and only in front of the hangars is there a type of parking area (pista de "aparcamiento"), the surface of which is similar in composition to tar-paved roads. The rest of the field is of rolled earth, which because of the humidity of the area, is covered with short grass.

3. Aircraft. In early February 1949 there were at the field 15 Savoia planes belonging to the 14th and 15th Bomber Groups of the 12th Aviation Regiment. [REDACTED] the former Italian-owned planes are about twelve years old, and are painstakingly cared for, with the motors being checked (revisados) every three months. At the field, there are also a squadron of Fiat one-seater fighters and two small Vickers training planes. There is only one civil plane, a small two-seater, at the field.

4. Flights and Instruction. Flight instruction is limited to flights on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

5. Airfield Organization. The 12th Aviation Regiment is commanded by Colonel Alfredo GUTIERREZ Lopez. The Senior Lieutenant Colonel at the field is Tomas RUIZ Jimenez. The 14th Bomber Group is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Jose CORREA Guerrero. Major Luis DIEZ DE RIVERA y ALMUNIA commands the 15th Bomber Group. Other staff officers at the field are Major Santiago VALENZUELA Garcia, Meteorology Chief, and Major Ramon CASTILLA Perez, Quartermaster Officer. While the commanding officer of the field retains an independence of command, the forces of the ARMILLA airfield are considered a detachment of the superior unit at the Tablada, Sevilla airfield, and they depend on the Tablada airfield for supplies and replacements. Both airfields belong to the Straits Air Region. There are 104 specialists and 200 service troops at the field. The majority of the latter are from the Infantry and are armed with German rifles.

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